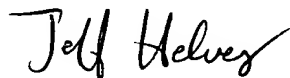


Remarks

Applicants elect to prosecute **Invention I**, and the corresponding claims 1-33. This election is made without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the other claims, species or inventions disclosed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration of all the pending claims. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that a personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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